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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
see additional sheet PCT/ISA/210
2. Claims Nos.: because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
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 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Continuation of Box I.1

Although claims 1 to 11 relate to a diagnostic method applied to the human or animal body or a method for treatment of the human or animal body by surgery, the search was carried out in respect of the specific case of a procedure applied to an inert body as mentioned in lines 10-12 on page 6 of the description.